

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying a time-dependent process, the method comprising:

providing a toothbrush having a porous indicator strip disposed on its surface, the indicator strip having a first portion and a second, opposite portion, the second portion having a dye pre-applied thereto;

applying a liquid onto the first portion of the [[a]] porous indicator strip disposed on a toothbrush, the strip having a first portion and a second portion opposite the first portion and containing a dye; and

allowing the liquid to migrate from the first portion to the second portion, causing the dye to dissolve in the liquid; and

diffusing the dye along the length of the indicator strip at a predetermined rate.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising providing dissolving the dye in the liquid within a storage capsule located adjacent the first portion of the indicator strip.

23. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the liquid comprises water.

24. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the dye comprises Erythrosin B or Coomassie Brilliant Blue.

25. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the indicator strip comprises cellulose paper.

26. (Cancelled) ~~The method according to claim 22, wherein the liquid is applied to the second portion of the indicator strip.~~

27. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 22, further comprising applying the liquid to the indicator strip from the storage capsule.

28. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 27, further comprising opening the capsule by applying mechanical pressure to a flexible cladding substantially surrounding the indicator strip and the capsule.

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 27, further comprising opening the capsule by actuating a pressure pin arranged adjacent the capsule.

30. (Currently Amended) A display device for a toothbrush, the device comprising:  
a capsule to store a liquid and comprising a seal for controllable release of the liquid; and  
a porous indicator strip disposed adjacent to the capsule, the indicator strip having a display surface, a first portion adjacent the capsule and a second portion opposite the first portion, the indicator strip comprising a porous substrate having a dye pre-applied to a portion of its surface, the indicator strip being configured so that molecules of the dye adhere to the indicator strip prior to release of the liquid;

wherein the indicator strip is configured to diffuse the dye ~~[[to]]~~ from the first portion toward the second portion ~~at a predetermined rate~~ and subsequently form a line of demarcation along the indicator strip.

31. (Previously presented) The device of claim 30, further comprising a scale located adjacent the indicator strip to provide an indication of elapsed time.

32. (Cancelled) ~~The device according to claim 30, wherein the dye is dissolved in the liquid of the storage capsule.~~

33. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the dye is disposed along the second portion of the indicator strip.

34. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the device is configured to introduce the liquid from the capsule to the dye along the indicator strip.

35. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the liquid comprises water.

36. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, wherein the dye comprises Erythrosin B or Coomassie Brilliant Blue.

37. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30 wherein the indicator strip comprises cellulose filter paper.

38. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 30, further comprising a protective cladding substantially surrounding the indicator strip and the capsule.

39. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 38, further comprising a mechanical pressure device arranged on an opposite side of the indicator strip facing away from the display surface configured to actuate and burst the capsule.

40. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush comprising:  
a capsule to store a liquid and comprising a seal for controllable release of the liquid; and  
a porous indicator strip disposed adjacent to the capsule, the indicator strip having a display surface, a first portion adjacent the capsule and a second portion opposite the first portion, the indicator strip comprising a dye, the dye being pre-applied to the second portion of the indicator strip being configured in a manner so that molecules of the dye adhere to the indicator strip prior to release of the liquid;

wherein the indicator strip is configured to diffuse the dye ~~[[to]]~~ from the first portion toward the second portion ~~at a predetermined rate~~ and subsequently form a line of demarcation along the indicator strip to indicate elapsed time.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the strip is pre-impregnated with the dye.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the strip is pre-printed with the dye.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the strip has been conditioned to cause molecules of the dye to adhere to the strip.

44. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 30 wherein the ~~strip~~ porous substrate is impregnated with the dye prior to release of the liquid.

45. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 30 wherein the ~~strip~~ porous substrate is printed with the dye prior to release of the liquid.